

Shannon Mausoleum, St. Mary's Cemetery  
East of Boswell Avenue (Greeneville)  
Norwich  
New London County  
Connecticut

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## SHANNON MAUSOLEUM

**St. Mary's Cemetery**

Address: East of Boswell Avenue (Greeneville) Norwich,  
New London County, Connecticut

Present Use: Mausoleum for various members of the Shannon family.

Brief Statement of Significance: This is an elaborately carved, stone mausoleum.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: The mausoleum was built for and is used by the family of James B. Shannon (1845-1917).
2. Date of erection: The mausoleum was probably built about 1917 when James B. Shannon died.
3. The following names have been inscribed on the sides of the mausoleum: James B. Shannon (1845-1917); Catherine F. Shannon (1849-1894); Katherine C. Shannon (1863-1924); Catherine Shannon (1872-1873); Ella C. Shannon (1881-1959); James B. Shannon (1871-1913); John Henry Shannon (1888-1933); Thomas I. Shannon (1874-1937); Mary C. Shannon (1878-1948); John Kennedy Foran (1890-1943, husband of Valerie Shannon), John Kennedy Foran, Jr. (1921-1940); Katherine Shannon Foran (1917-1946).
4. Source of information: Interview with Mrs. Albert H. Chase, 1 Sachem Terrace, Norwich, Connecticut, October 28, 1960.

- B. Likely Source Not Yet Investigated: Mrs. Valerie Shannon Foran of New Haven, Connecticut.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall Dimensions: The mausoleum is square, 11'6" x 11'6". It has crossed gable roofs with elaborately carved gables on each of the four sides. The lowest point of the gables at the corners is 7'4" above the ground.

2. Wall construction: The building is made entirely of an even grained, light gray stone. Architectural elements have Gothic trim. There are clustered columns with double capitals supporting urns at each of the corners. Each of the sides is divided by a blind, pointed arcade into three panels. The tympana of the arcades contain various figures and emblems, the rectangular spaces below are left plain for the inscriptions. The spaces on the gable ends above the arcades are filled with carved figured and foliated ornament. On the west side above the door, two angels carry a banner bearing the name Shannon. At the peak of the gable on the south side is a full length figure of St. James, and on the north of St. Catharine. The door on the west side is a large slab of stone with brass hardware. The roofs are covered with thin slabs of stone.
- B. Site: The mausoleum is in a large, open, flat cemetery, situated on the north side of the northernmost road in the cemetery.

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